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### Thai FDA Sets Quality Standards for Raw Cow Milk

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**Report Highlights:**

TH3048 The Thai Food and Drug Administration notified the WTO of its initiative to set the quality standards for raw cow milk (G/SPS/N/THA/215).

**General Information:****Thai FDA Establishes Quality Standards for Raw Cow Milk**

On April 12, the Thai Food and Drug Administration notified the WTO of its initiative to set the quality standards for raw cow milk (G/SPS/N/THA/215) as indicated in the proposed draft notification of the Ministry of Public Health:

**(Draft)**  
**Notification of the Ministry of Public Health**  
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**RE: Raw Cow Milk**  
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Whereas it deems appropriate to control the quality of raw cow milk, which is used as raw material in the production of cow milk, flavored milk, and other milk products in order to protect the consumer and maintain food safety.

By virtue of the provisions in Section 5, paragraph one, and Section 6 (3) and (7) of the Foods Act B.E.2522, which contain provisions relating to the restriction of rights and liberties of the person under Section 29 and in conjunction with Section 33, Section 41, Section 43 and Section 45 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, permit by virtue of provisions of law; the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. In this notification, “raw cow milk” means raw milk made from cows without heat treatment.

Clause 2. Qualities and standards of raw cow milk shall be as follows:

1. Raw cow milk from cows which are free from communicable diseases and undergone the process of milking, packaging, and handling that are under good hygiene practices;
2. Bacteria count not more than 500,000 CFU/ml;
3. Somatic cell count not more than 500,000 cell/ml;
4. Veterinary drug residues not more than the limit prescribed in the Notification of Ministry of Public Health Re: Veterinary Drug Residues in Foods;
5. Mycotoxin and contaminants not more than the limit prescribed in the Notification of Ministry of Public Health Re: Standard for Foods Contamination; and
6. Toxic substances not more than the limit prescribed in the Notification of Ministry of Public Health Re: Food with Toxic Residues.

Clause 3. The manufacturer and importer of cow milk, flavored milk, and other liquid milk products, which have undergone pasteurization using heat-treated process and which use raw cow milk as a raw material shall use raw cow milk that meet quality standards that comply with clause 2 of this draft notification.

Clause 4. This notification shall come into force one year after its publication in the Government Gazette.

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Raw milk imports are regulated by a Tariff Rate Quota under the jurisdiction of the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce. The Department of Foreign Trade grants an import quota of raw milk totaling 2,372.74 metric tons for 2013.